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PLATFORM PROPOSALS

1. SUMMARY: RECENTLY, THE CHAIRMEN OF THE THREE POLITICAL PARTIES REPRESENTED IN THE BUNDESTAG, WILLY BRANDT (SPD), HELMUT KOHL (CDU), AND HANS-DIETRICH GENSCHER (FDP) RESPONDED TO THE DGB ELECTION PLATFORM PROPOSALS, WHICH WERE PRESENTED TO THESE PARTIES. BRANDT'S REPLY REAFFIRMED THE CLOSE SIMILARITY OF SPD AND DGB POLICY GOALS FOR MAKING THE FRG A SOCIAL "MODEL" FOR THE WORLD. ON THE OTHER HAND, OPPOSITION LEADER KOHL STRESSED THAT THE DGB'S TOP GOAL OF FULL EMPLOYMENT, WHICH HAD BEEN ACHIEVED BY PREVIOUS CDU GOVERNMENTS, HAD BEEN LOST DURING THE PAST SEVEN YEARS AS A RESULT OF ECONOMIC MISMANAGEMENT BY THE SPD/FDP COALITION. GENSCHER IN HIS REPLY TRIED TO EXPLAIN THE ROLE OF THE FDP IN THE COALITION GOVERNMENT BY STRESSING FDP INTEREST IN THE INDIVIDUAL WORKER AND THE SIMILARITY OF INTERESTS BETWEEN THE FDP AND SPD WHILE CAUTIOUSLY INDICATING CERTAIN DIFFERENCES WITH THE SPD AND MAKING VAGUE COMMITMENTS ON SOCIAL POLICY. WITH THESE ANSWERS, THE STAGE IS NOW SET FOR THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN BY THESE PARTIES AMONG FRG WORKERS. RECENTLY, THE CDU HAS SUPPLEMENTED ITS COMMENTS ON DGB GOALS AND CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE ON FULL EMPLOYMENT WITH BIEDENKOPF'S AND FILBINGER'S CAMPAIGN AGAINST DGB PARTISAN SUPPORT OF THE SPD AND A COMBINED CDU/CSU LEADER CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE SCHMIDT GOVERNMENT HANDLING OF THE GROWING FINANCIAL PROBLEMS OF SOCIAL SECURITY PENSION FUNDS. WITH THESE MOVES, THE CDU IS TRYING TO COUNTERACT ANY POLITICAL BENEFITS THE BRANDT-SCHMIDT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOVERNMENTS MAY HAVE GAINED BY THEIR EXPANSION OF SOCIAL SECURITY AND WELFARE BENEFITS. NOW THE CDU STRESSES THAT PRESENT AND FUTURE PENSIONS MAY WELL BE THREATENED BY DECLINING OR INADEQUATE LIQUID PENSION FUND RESERVES. SO FAR THE POLITICAL IMPACT OF THESE POSITIONS REMAINS UNCLEAR, WITH MANY LABOR SOURCES INDICATING A NATIONAL LABOR PREFERENCE FOR AN SPD/FDP COALITION VICTORY BUT ALSO INDICATING THAT THE RACE SO

FAR IS CLOSE. END SUMMARY.

2. IN THEIR FOLLOWING REPLIES TO THE DGB ELECTION PLATFORM PROPOSALS, EACH OF THE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES SET THE STAGE FOR THE THEMES THEY WILL USE IN THE LAST WEEKS OF ELECTION CAMPAIGN AMONG WORKING PEOPLE IN THE FRG.

A) WILLI BRANDT (SPD): "IN THE INTEREST OF AN OBJECTIVE POLITICAL DISCUSSION, WE WELCOME THE TRADE UNION PUBLICATION OF PLATFORM PROPOSALS BEFORE AN ELECTION AND THEIR VIEWS ON POLICIES THAT ARE NEEDED. THE SPD IS CONFIDENT THAT ITS PROGRAM WILL MEET THE CRITICAL NEED OF WORKERS." IN ANSWER TO THE DGB PROPOSALS, THE SPD DEFINED ITS POSITION ON:

FULL EMPLOYMENT: "FOR THE SPD, RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE OF FULL EMPLOYMENT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT TASK IN THE COMING YEARS. EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO WORK SHALL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK. A VARIETY OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS AND ACTIONS HAVE CREATED THE PREREQUISITES FOR THE NOW EVIDENT ECONOMIC UPSWING. THIS UPSWING

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MUST NOW BE INSURED AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL."

EDUCATIONAL REFORM: "SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC EDUCATIONAL
POLICY IS A POLICY FOR THE MAJORITY, AND THIS MEANS
IN OUR COUNTRY THE WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. THIS
IS THE PATH WE HAVE TAKEN IN RECENT YEARS. THE DOORS
OF THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM HAVE BEEN OPENED MORE WIDELY,
ALSO FOR TRADITIONALLY UNDERPRIVILEGED GROUPS. THE
DECISIVE ISSUES FOR THE NEXT LEGISLATIVE PERIOD ARE
CLEAR. THEY ARE IN LINE WITH THE DGB DEMANDS: FIRST
A REFORM OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND THEN AN EARLY
REMOVAL OF ALL ADMISSION RESTRICTIONS IN THE UNIVER-
SITIES."

"THE NEW EDUCATIONAL OFFENSIVE WILL CONCENTRATE ON THE MOBILIZATION OF ALL EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES. MOREOVER, VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IS A MAJOR PREREQUISITE FOR FULL EMPLOYMENT AND FOR A RESPONSIBLE AND EQUAL PARTICIPATION OF THE WORKERS IN THE SOCIAL PROCESS."

SOCIAL SECURITY: "THE SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL BENEFITS BY THE SOCIAL-LIBERAL COALITION HAS DEFINITELY BROUGHT MORE PERSONAL FREEDOM TO THE PEOPLE IN OUR COUNTRY. THE UNPRECEDENTED NETWORK OF SOCIAL SECURITY IN THE FRG HAS GUARANTEED DOMESTIC PEACE AND POLITICAL STABILITY IN A DIFFICULT PERIOD. ALSO, IN THE FUTURE, THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS WILL OPPOSE ALL REACTIONARY EFFORTS TO RESTRICT SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS. WE WILL NOT ALLOW ANY DETERIORATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF SOCIAL SOLIDARITY. THERE MUST BE NO RETURN TO THE ELBOW SOCIETY. OUR HEALTH SYSTEM MUST BE MAINTAINED AT A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HIGH LEVEL OF EFFICIENCY. BUT IT MUST OPERATE AS A WHOLE MORE RATIONALLY."

EQUALITY OF WOMEN: "THE SPD HAS ALWAYS ADVOCATED THE EQUALITY OF WOMEN IN EDUCATION, ON THE JOB AND IN OTHER SOCIAL SPHERES. MAJOR SUCCESSES HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED IN ESTABLISHING LEGAL EQUALITY. THIS APPLIES PARTICULARLY TO THE REFORM OF THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LAW. FIRST STEPS CAN BE TAKEN TO ACHIEVE INDIVIDUAL SOCIAL SECURITY FOR WOMEN."

CONTROL OF ECONOMIC POWER: "SPD AND DGB STAND SIDE BY SIDE IN THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE ABUSE OF ECONOMIC POWER. THE MARKET ECONOMY SYSTEM MUST BE STABILIZED BY INSURING FREE COMPETITION AND STRICT SOCIAL COMMITMENT. PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED THROUGH THE INTRODUCTION OF MERGER CONTROLS AND THE SHARPENING OF ANTI-CARTEL LEGISLATION."

CODETERMINATION: "THE POLICY DEVELOPMENT IN RECENT YEARS HAS SHOWN THAT A POLICY SUPPORTING WORKERS INTERESTS CAN ONLY BE GUARANTEED BY PROVIDING A MAJORITY FOR THE SPD AS THE PARTY OF THE WORKERS. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE IN THE REALIZATION OF FULL CODETERMINATION. THE NEW CODETERMINATION LAW IS A MAJOR STEP TOWARD THIS GOAL WHICH THE SPD STILL ADVOCATES."

CAPITAL ACCUMULATION BY WORKERS: "THE SPD SHARES THE DGB'S CRITICISM OF THE UNFAIR DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH IN OUR COUNTRY. ALTHOUGH SOMETHING HAS BEEN ACHIEVED UNDER THE DM 624 LAW, WHICH HAS HELPED 16 MILLION

PEOPLE TO ACCUMULATE SOME ASSETS, THE WORKERS ARE STILL LARGELY EXCLUDED FROM SHARING THE CAPITAL THEY HAVE HELPED PRODUCE. EFFORTS TOWARD FINDING A RATIONAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF WORKER PROFIT SHARING MUST BE CONTINUED. WE WILL SUPPORT INITIATIVES WHICH FACILITATE AND PROMOTE PROFIT SHARING UNDER COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS."

GUARANTEE AND EXTENSION OF TRADE UNION AND WORKER RIGHTS: "THE TRADE UNIONS CAN RELY ON THE SPD TO HELP LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROTECT THEM AGAINST ANY ATTACK ON THE FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND THE SYSTEM OF FREE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. OUR SOCIETY AND OUR GOVERNMENT NEED STRONG AND INDEPENDENT TRADE UNIONS. A LAW CONTROLLING PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS DESIRED BY SOME EMPLOYER SECTORS AND THE CDU/CSU WOULD CHANGE DECISIVELY THE BALANCE OF SOCIAL POWER TO THE DISADVANTAGE OF THE WORKERS. WE THEREFORE CATEGORICALLY OPPOSE SUCH LEGISLATION."

PUBLIC SERVICES: "THE SPD AGREES WITH THE DGB THAT PUBLIC SERVICES ARE VITALLY IMPORTANT FOR COMMUNITY

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LIFE. BASIC SOCIAL JUSTICE AND CONCRETE FREEDOM FOR
THE INDIVIDUAL CANNOT BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT PUBLIC
SERVICES."

"INTERESTED SECTORS RECOMMEND NOW TRANSFERRING
GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES TO PRIVATE BUSINESS AS A REMEDY.
SUCH ACTION WOULD ONLY SERVE THOSE STRIVING FOR
PROFITS AT THE EXPENSE OF ASSISTANCE FOR THE SOCIALLY
WEAK. PUBLIC SERVICES THEREFORE ALSO CANNOT BE JUDGED

EXCLUSIVELY BY PROFIT AND LOSS CONSIDERATIONS."

"DENATIONALIZATION DOES NOT REPRESENT A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM SINCE THIS SOLUTION WOULD CREATE NEW DISADVANTAGES AND INJUSTICES."

FOREIGN POLICY: "IN THE VIEW OF THE SPD, THE SAFEGUARDING OF PEACE IS AND REMAINS A SUPREME TASK. THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC-LED GOVERNMENTS HAVE PREPARED THE GROUND FOR NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE EAST THROUGH THEIR POLICY OF CONCILIATION AND BASED ON THE WESTERN ALLIANCE. PEACE IN EUROPE AND IN THE WORLD HAS THUS BECOME MORE SECURE."

"IN THE FUTURE, THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE WILL INCREASINGLY REQUIRE ATTENTION. JUST AS THE POLICY OF DETENTE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST, THE FAIR CONCILIATION BETWEEN SOUTH AND NORTH ALSO SERVES THE SECURING OF PEACE. A CLOSE COOPERATION WITH OUR PARTNERS AND THE ACTIVE ROLE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS FACILITATED ACTION TO CHECK THE WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS."

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B) HELMUT KOHL (CDU): "I BASICALLY WELCOME THE FACT THAT THE DGB ALSO IN THE 1976 ELECTION YEAR HAS ESTABLISHED AGAIN TEST CRITERIA BY WHICH THE WORK OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES SHOULD BE MEASURED. THE GERMAN TRADE UNIONS, AS ONE OF THE MAJOR SOCIAL FORCES IN THE FRG, CERTAINLY HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK THE POLITICAL PARTIES TO REPORT ON THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE PAST AND ON THEIR FUTURE POLICY. HOWEVER, A PREREQUISITE FOR POSING THESE QUESTIONS IS A SPIRIT OF POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE, OBJECTIVITY AND FAIRNESS."

INDEPENDENT TRADE UNIONS: "WE DEPLORE THAT THE DGB, IN THE PAST, HAS NOT ADHERED TO THE PRINCIPLE OF INDEPENDENCE FROM POLITICAL PARTIES AND THEREFORE HAS DIMINISHED THE CREDIBILITY OF ITS ENTIRE CATALOGUE OF DEMANDS. FIRST OF ALL, THE DGB STATEMENT CREATES A PHANTOM ENEMY WHICH MUST BE ELIMINATED. THIS ALLEGED ENEMY IS CONSERVATIVE POLITICAL FORCES, WHICH CREATED DIFFICULTIES OR PREVENTED REFORMS BENEFITING THE WORKERS IN THE PAST AND WILL DO THE SAME IN THE FUTURE. THIS DGB ALLEGATION MISREPRESENTS POLITICAL REALITIES IN THE FRG. THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL FORCE IN THE FRG TODAY SEEKING TO PREVENT REFORMS BENEFITING WORKERS." (KOHL'S LINE HAS BEEN REENFORCED BY BIEDENKOPF AND FILBINGER'S CHARGES THAT THE DGB MISUSES ITS POWER. THE DGB, THEY CLAIM, HAS BECOME AN ARM

OF THE SPD PARTY AND SPD-LED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND ACTIVELY DISCRIMINATES AGAINST ELECTED TRADE UNION AND WORKS COUNCIL OFFICIALS WHO ARE SYMPATHETIC TO THE CDU. THESE CHARGES STIMULATED STRONG NEGATIVE DGB REACTIONS. WE HEAR THAT TOP CDU LABOR LEADERS IN THE DGB DO NOT SUPPORT BIEDENKOPF'S CHARGES AND REGARD IT AS A TACTICAL MISTAKE. HOWEVER, BIEDENKOPF'S TARGET MAY BE WORKERS EMPLOYED IN SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZE PLANTS WHERE MORE WORKER SUPPORT FOR THE CDU COULD INFLUENCE THE ELECTION RESULTS ESPECIALLY IN NORTH-RHINE-WEST-PHALIA.)

SOCIAL SECURITY: "WE ALSO OBJECT TO THE DGB ASSERTING THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE BUNDESTAG HAS DEVELOPED SINCE 1972 A NETWORK OF SOCIAL SECURITY WHICH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE WORLD ENVIES. IT IS A MATTER OF FACT THAT THIS SOCIAL SECURITY NETWORK, OF WHICH WE ALL HAVE A RIGHT TO BE PROUD, ALREADY EXISTED WHEN THE BRANDT GOVERNMENT WAS ELECTED IN 1969. THE PRESENT DYNAMIC PENSION SYSTEM WAS CREATED IN 1957 WHEN THE CDU/CSU LED THE GOVERNMENT AND HAS SURVIVED DESPITE EXCESSIVE BURDENS PLACED ON IT BY THE ERRONEOUS ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL POLICY OF THE SPD/FDP GOVERNMENTS."

FULL EMPLOYMENT: "THE DGB ELECTION PROPOSALS AS SUCH ARE IMPRESSIVE EVIDENCE OF THE FAILURE OF GOVERNMENT

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ECONOMIC POLICY. FOR EXAMPLE, NOW THE DGB DEMANDS
THAT RESTORING FULL EMPLOYMENT SHOULD RECEIVE TOP
PRIORITY. IN FACT, DGB PRESIDENT HEINZ OSKAR VETTER
SAYS THAT THIS GOAL SHOULD HAVE ABSOLUTE PRIORITY OVER

ALL OTHER DEMANDS. BACK OF THIS DEMAND STAND MILLIONS OF UNEMPLOYED, BANKRUPTCIES, CLOSING OF ENTERPRISES, AND INFLATION - THE RESULT OF SEVEN YEARS OF SPD/FDP POLICY. CDU-LED GOVERNMENTS AFTER THE WAR HAD ELIMINATED UNEMPLOYMENT BY REMAINING TRUE TO ITS SOCIAL MARKET ECONOMY POLICY. HERE, AS WELL AS IN MANY OTHER SECTORS, THE SPD/FDP HAS TURNED THE CLOCK BACK."

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION REFORM: "THE SITUATION IS SIMILAR ON THE DGB DEMANDS FOR EDUCATIONAL REFORM AND BETTER SOCIAL SECURITY. BOTH PROBLEMS TODAY ARE MORE URGENT THAN EVER BEFORE SINCE THE SPD/FDP HAS PROVEN THEY ARE UNABLE TO DEVELOP RATIONAL SOLUTIONS FOR THE FUTURE. PARTICULARLY IN THE SPHERE OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, SPD/FDP POLICY HAS REDUCED THE NUMBER OF APPRENTICESHIPS SO THAT NOW MANY THOUSANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE RECEIVE NO OR LESS DESIRABLE APPRENTICESHIPS."

CONTROL OF ECONOMIC POWER: "TOGETHER WITH THE TRADE UNIONS, THE CDU VIEWS WITH CONCERN THE INCREASING CORPORATE CONCENTRATION IN THE ECONOMY. THIS CONCENTRATION WAS CAUSED IN LARGE PART BY THE DESTRUCTION OF 35,000 MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES AND HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF JOBS SINCE 1969. AN EFFICIENT POLICY TO ENCOURAGE COMPETITION AND TO PREVENT ABUSES OF ECONOMIC POWER ARE CHARACTERISTICS OF A PROPER SOCIAL MARKET ECONOMY AND THUS REPRESENT THE POLICY OF THE CDU."
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CODETERMINATION AND CAPITAL ACCUMULATION BY WORKERS: "ALSO ON THE QUESTIONS OF CODETERMINATION AND THE ACCUMULATION OF CAPITAL IN THE HANDS OF WORKERS, THE CDU -- IN CONTRADICTION TO THE SPD/FDP -- HAS ALWAYS HAD A CLEAR POLICY THAT WOULD BENEFIT THE WORKERS. IF OUR POLICY HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED, THE ISSUES OF CODETERMINATION AND WORKER CAPITAL ACCUMULATION (VERMOEGENSBILDUNG) WOULD HAVE BEEN SOLVED MUCH BETTER THAN BY SPD/FDP POLICY."

WOMEN'S RIGHTS: "THE DGB DEMAND FOR A FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN DESERVES UNLIMITED SUPPORT. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE LACK OF PROGRESS JUSTIFIES CRITICISM. THIS AREA REQUIRES OUR COMBINED EFFORTS TO CHANGE THE PRESENT INERTIA AND UNSATISFACTORY SITUATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

FOREIGN POLICY: "THERE IS ALSO COMPLETE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CDU AND THE DGB REGARDING THE DGB DEMAND FOR COMPREHENSIVE EFFORTS TO SAFEGUARD PEACE. THE

MAINTENANCE AND CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A BASIC PART OF OUR POLICY."

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM: "THE CDU ALSO AGREES WITH THE DGB ON THE GOAL OF EXPANDING THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS AND OF IMPROVING THE CAPACITY AND THE EFFICIENCY OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE."

DGB-CDU RELATIONS: "THE DGB ELECTION PLATFORM PROPOSALS THUS MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THERE IS FAR-REACHING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE POLICY GOALS OF THE CDU AND THE TRADE UNIONS. WE DO NOT CONCEAL THE FACT THAT IN SOME SPHERES WE WANT TO USE DIFFERENT METHODS THAN THE DGB. HOWEVER, THE DGB SHOULD NOT IGNORE THE FACT THAT A MAJOR PART OF ITS MEMBERS ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN THE CDU/CSU AND THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF WORKERS HAVE VOTED FOR THESE PARTIES."

"FOR US THE DIALOGUE ON THE RIGHT WAY TO AN OPEN SOCIETY IS AN EXPRESSION OF DEMOCRACY. MORE IMPORTANT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAN THE QUESTION OF THE METHODS IN OUR VIEW ARE THE COMMON OBJECTIVES; AND HERE THE TRADE UNIONS MAY REST ASSURED THAT THEY HAVE IN THE CDU A RELIABLE PARTNER WHENEVER THE WELFARE OF THE WORKING PEOPLE IS AT STAKE. THE CDU HAS PROVED THIS FOR 20 YEARS, AND IT WILL DO SO ALSO IN THE FUTURE."

C) HANS-DIETRICH GENSCHER (FDP): "DEMOCRATIC POLICY LIVES FROM OBJECTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CITIZEN. I THEREFORE WELCOME THAT THE DGB WITH ITS

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TEN ELECTION PROPOSALS HAS GIVEN THE POLITICAL PARTIES AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THE CONTENT AND GOALS OF THEIR POLICY IN FREE COMPETITION WITH EACH OTHER."

FULL EMPLOYMENT: "THE MAJOR TASK IN THE COMING YEARS IS THE RESTORATION AND SAFEGUARDING OF DURABLE FULL EMPLOYMENT. THIS GOAL REQUIRES INCREASING INVESTMENT BY PRIVATE EMPLOYERS WHICH MUST BE SUPPLEMENTED BY SUFFICIENT PUBLIC INVESTMENT BY THE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS."

"THE FDP HAS STRIVEN FOR THIS GOAL IN EMPLOYMENT POLICY THROUGH TAX REFORM AND TRIMMING THE FEDERAL BUDGET. THIS POLICY MUST BE CONTINUED. THESE MEASURES MUST BE SUPPLEMENTED BY APPROPRIATE MANPOWER POLICY MEASURES."

EDUCATION REFORM: "THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MANPOWER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES UNDER THE DUAL SYSTEM OF ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION MUST BE INCREASED. ON-THE-JOB VOCATIONAL EDUCATION MUST BE EQUAL IN TERMS OF QUALITY TO SCHOOL EDUCATION."

"IN EDUCATION POLICY, THE FDP DEMANDS A DEMOCRATIC SCHOOL FREE FROM FEAR AND SATISFYING THE INTERESTS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH, WHERE ASSISTANCE RATHER THAN SELECTION IS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY PEDAGOGICAL PRINCIPLE."

"RESTRICTED ADMISSION (NUMERUS CLAUSUS) IN THE UNIVERSITIES MUST BE REMOVED. THE FDP HAS PREPARED A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONCRETE PROGRAM ON THIS PROBLEM."

SOCIAL SECURITY: "THE PURCHASING POWER OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS MUST BE MAINTAINED. THE SPD/FDP COALITION HAS SUCCEEDED IN EXPANDING THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM WITHOUT LIMITING THE FREEDOM OF INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS TO MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS. WE HAVE CREATED A SOCIAL INSURANCE SYSTEM WHICH IS UNIQUE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. LIBERAL SOCIAL POLICY WANTS TO GUARANTEE, PARTICULARLY FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED, HANDICAPPED AND OLDER CITIZENS, A DECENT STANDARD OF LIVING WITH THE GREATEST POSSIBLE FREEDOM OF CHOICE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL."

WOMEN'S RIGHTS: "THE LIBERALS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATED THE EQUALITY OF WOMEN AND THE JOINT RESPONSIBILITY OF MEN AND WOMEN IN THE FAMILY, ON THE JOB,

IN SOCIETY AND IN POLITICS. IN DAY-TO-DAY LIFE, HOWEVER, WOMEN STILL SUFFER MANY DISADVANTAGES. THE FDP THEREFORE DEMANDS E.G. EQUAL RIGHTS AND RECOGNITION OF HOUSEHOLD WORK, EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IN EDUCATION AND ON THE JOB, REMOVAL OF WAGE DISCRIMINATION BY ELIMINATION OF SPECIAL WAGE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR SO-CALLED "EASY WORK".

ECONOMIC POLICY: "LIBERAL ECONOMIC POLICY CREATES THE POSSIBILITY FOR INDIVIDUAL DECISION MAKING AND RESPONSIBILITY, AND CURBS ECONOMIC CONCENTRATION OF POWER BY AN ENERGETIC POLICY OF ENCOURAGING FREE COMPETITION."

"NO OTHER POLITICAL PARTY STANDS SO ENERGETICALLY IN DEFENSE OF THE SOCIALLY-CONSCIOUS MARKET ECONOMY AS THE LIBERALS. THUS, THEY ARE IN BASIC OPPOSITION TO THE CONSERVATIVES, WHO HAVE PREVENTED IN THE PAST A REFORM OF ANTI-CARTEL LEGISLATION, SINCE THEY MISINTERPRET THIS ECONOMIC SYSTEM AS A NATIONAL RESERVATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF LARGE COMPANIES' INTERESTS."

CODETERMINATION: "AFTER TOUGH NEGOTIATIONS, THE FDP LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAS PUSHED THROUGH A LABOR MANAGEMENT CODETERMINATION LAW FOR LARGE COMPANIES, WHICH STRENGTHENS THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL BUT DOES NOT MAKE POWERFUL TRADE UNIONS EVEN MORE POWERFUL. AS IS THE CASE OF CODETERMINATION AT THE COMPANY LEVEL, THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL MUST ALSO BE STRENGTHENED ON HIS JOB. CODETERMINATION ON JOB CONTENT AND WORKING CONDITIONS BY INDIVIDUAL GROUPS OF WORKERS OR THEIR SPOKESMEN IS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE HUMANIZATION OF WORK ENVIRONMENT."

CAPITAL ACCUMULATION BY WORKERS: "IN THE NEXT BUNDESTAG SESSION THE FDP WILL MAKE EVERY POSSIBLE

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EFFORT TO PROMOTE AND TO EXPAND CAPITAL ACCUMULATION IN THE HANDS OF WORKERS AT THE INDIVIDUAL BUSINESS LEVEL AS THE NEXT STEP TOWARD BROAD SHARING BY CITIZENS OF THE WEALTH PRODUCED IN THE FRG."

"THE FDP ADVOCATES THE NEGOTIATION OF COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS AND PLANT AGREEMENTS ON WORKER CAPITAL SAVING BENEFITS WHICH COULD LATER BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE CASE OF OVERALL FIRM SOLUTIONS. IT IS NECESSARY TO EXPAND THE TYPES AND POSSIBILITIES OF INVESTMENT PROVIDED UNDER THE PRESENT LEGISLATION ON THE ACCUMULATION OF CAPITAL IN THE HANDS OF WORKERS."

FDP-DGB RELATIONS: "THE FDP CONSIDERS THE DGB A PILLAR OF OUR DEMOCRACY. BUT FDP BELIEVES THAT DGB SHOULD STRIVE FOR MORE FREEDOM AND SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE INDIVIDUAL WORKER AND TAKE OVERALL NATIONAL ECONOMIC INTERESTS AND REQUIREMENTS INTO ACCOUNT."

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM: "THE FDP THEREFORE ADVOCATES A CIVIL SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM WHICH CONTINUES TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY AND FUNCTIONING OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES FOR THE INDIVIDUAL CITIZEN WHILE REDUCING THE COST BURDEN FOR THE INDIVIDUAL TAX PAYER."

"THE FDP DEMANDS THAT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS BE REVIEWED AS TO FIND OUT WHICH GOVERNMENT SERVICES COULD BE PROVIDED MORE RATIONALLY AND CHEAPER BY PRIVATE BUSINESSES, WHICH POSSIBILITIES FOR RATIONALIZATION STILL EXIST WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION AND
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WHAT THE RESULTS OF TURNING OVER SERVICES TO PRIVATE ENTERPRISES WOULD BE. THE FDP REAFFIRMS ITS ENDORSEMENT OF THE PROFESSIONAL CIVIL SERVICE AS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE CONSTITUTION JUST AS IT ENDORSES THE MAINTENANCE OF FREE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR SALARIED EMPLOYEES AND BLUE COLLAR WORKERS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICES. THE FDP OPPOSES AN UNJUSTIFIED REDUCTION OF WAGE DIFFERENTIALS FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES. HIGHER EFFICIENCY MUST BE COMPENSATED BY APPROPRIATE SALARY ADJUSTMENTS ALSO IN THE PUBLIC SERVICES."

FOREIGN POLICY: "THE WESTERN DEFENSE ALLIANCE IS THE BASIS OF OUR COLLECTIVE SECURITY. THE FDP HAS SUPPORTED ALL MEASURES TO AFFIRM THE INTERNATIONAL INTEGRATION OF NATO AND TO IMPROVE ITS ABILITY TO FUNCTION. IN VIEW OF GROWING SOVIET ARMAMENT EFFORTS, IT IS NECESSARY TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF NATO BY THE STANDARDIZATION OF EQUIPMENT AND DIVISION OF WORK IN RESEARCH AND PRODUCTION; TO IMPROVE THE POLITICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PARTNERS OF THE ALLIANCE AND TO CONTINUE THE ACTIVE ROLE OF THE ALLIANCE IN THE POLICY OF DETENTE."

"THE SUPREME GOAL OF GERMAN FOREIGN POLICY IS TO SECURE PEACE IN THE WORLD. THE REALISTIC POLICY OF DETENTE DEVELOPED BY THE FREE DEMOCRATS IN THE 50'S AND IN THE 60'S HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY TRANSLATED INTO PRACTICE.

"THE FDP WANTS THE CONTINUATION OF THIS POLICY OF CONCILIATION AND UNDERSTANDING BASED ON THE WESTERN

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ALLIANCE AND ON COOPERATION WITHIN THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY."

"THE FDP DEMANDS A EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WITH A LIBERAL
AND DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURE. IT DEMANDS A EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT WITH DIRECT VOTER LEGITIMATION AND GENUINE
COMPETENCE. THE FDP AFFIRMS THE GOAL OF EQUALITY OF
LIVING CONDITIONS IN EUROPE AND THEREFORE SUPPORTS
THE PRESENT EUROPEAN COMMUNITY STRUCTURAL AND REGIONAL
POLICY WHICH MUST BE SUPPLEMENTED BY A MUTUAL SOCIAL
POLICY OF MEMBER COUNTRIES."

"THE FDP ADVOCATES A REMOVAL OF ALL EXISTING REMNANTS
OF COLONIALISM AND THE LIVING TOGETHER OF ALL PEOPLE
IN EVERY COUNTRY ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY WITHOUT
ANY RACIAL PREJUDICE."

3. COMMENT: DURING THE REST OF THIS MONTH, WHEN THE CLIMAX OF THE CAMPAIGN BUILDS UP, SPD, CDU AND FDP SPEAKERS AT THE TRADE UNION CONVENTIONS, LARGE WORKS COUNCILS MEETINGS AND OTHER ELECTION RALLIES WITH WORKERS WILL REPEAT THE ABOVE THEMES IN VARIOUS VERSIONS. IN THE TRADE UNIONS, THE SPD CONTROLS MOST OF THE FULL TIME UNION REPRESENTATIVES BUT THE RANK AND FILE SEEMS MORE LETHARGIC THAN IN 1972. CDU TRADE UNION LEADERS ARE NOT VERY SATISFIED WITH SOME OF THE LABOR TACTICS AND BACKSTOPPING OF THE CDU PARTY. SOME BELIEVE THE BEST CDU HOPES FOR WINNING REST ON THE LETHARGY OF SPD SYMPATHIZERS AND ON A LOWER VOTER TURNOUT FOR THE OCTOBER 3 ELECTIONS. AMONG TRADE UNIONISTS, FEW TALK ABOUT THE FDP, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXCEPT THOSE WHO FEEL THE PINCH OF HIGH TAXES AND THINK THAT THE FDP IS A CHEAPER ALTERNATIVE TO CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE SPD.
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